<u>Annual Kensington Plein Air Painting Event Open to All Ages, Saturday, September 1st, 2012</u>

As part of its annual Kensington "Paint the Town" Labor Day Art Show, the Montgomery Art Association (MAA) will once again host a plein air painting competition on Saturday, September 1st, 2012.

For the first time, in recognition of the younger artists within the metropolitan community, MAA is excited to extend participation in this event to ALL ages. There will be separate competitions for adults and for those under 18 with awards given.

The plein air event has long been a feature of this historic art show and sale occurring every year over Labor Day Weekend at the Kensington Armory located at 3710 Mitchell Street in Kensington, Maryland.

Participation does not require MAA membership. Those 18 and older who are not MAA members will pay a $5 participation fee. There is no participation cost for MAA members or for those younger than 18.

Participants must register at one of the following times at the Kensington Armory: Thursday, August 30th , 5-7 pm; Friday, August 31st , 10 am – 2 pm; or Saturday, September 1st , 9- 10 am.

In addition to registering, participants must bring in their **blank** canvases or paper to be stamped. For those under 18 years of age, a guardian must sign the registration roster giving permission for the youth to participate.

The artwork is to be completed during the hours from daybreak to 3 pm on Saturday, September 1st.

After the artwork is handed in at 3 pm at the Armory, there will be a judging with awards given to winning adult and youth participants. Awardees will be recognized at the show's reception and award ceremony, Saturday, September 1st, 6-7:30 pm.

The Plein Air portion of the show will be judged and the awards will be provided by Chesapeake Frame Co. of Kensington, Maryland

Show hours for the art show and sale are: Saturday, September 1st , 11 am – 5 pm; Sunday, September 2nd , 11 am – 5 pm; Monday, September 3rd , 9:30 am – 5:30 pm.

The Kensington Armory/Town Hall
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington , Maryland 20895

Established in 1954 and incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 in 1991, MAA is a local art association with members from the metropolitan area including Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Maryland.